# OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

IN CHARGE OF

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## COURSE OF STUDY

THE Committee on the Course of Study presents the following:

1. *Food.*—In relation to health and special diseases.

2. *General Methods of Business Transactions.*—Business forms, cheques, etc.; saving and investment of money.

Talks on these subjects may be given by thoroughly trustworthy men of business.

3. *Parliamentary Law.*—Judging from the suggestions received from the various alumnæ organizations, there is still a general desire to study this last subject. This is the third year that the committee has suggested this subject. Nearly all societies have made an effort in this branch of the work, paying in some instances one hundred dollars or more for the course, and have then frankly acknowledged that it was not a success.

Only two associations are ready to say that something has been accomplished. One had the valuable personal instruction of Miss Harriet R. Shattuck, and the other, a large local organization, was taught by one almost equally as well versed in the subject. Now it looks as if something were wrong somewhere. There is no lack of interest on the part of the nurses. We take it for granted that when women form themselves into a society they want to learn the proper and business-like method of conducting that society—the public expects this of professional women. Every speaker wishes for self-possession and the knowledge that whatever thought she is presenting is correctly formulated. These can be gained through the study of this subject.

One method of study is suggested. Your association may be so fortunate as to have a member who understands this subject or is interested enough in it to make a thorough and exhaustive study of it. Have her appointed critic. She will be present at each meeting, can make notes of mistakes, add new suggestions, and at the close of each business session submit her report. Corrections, although coming from one of the members, would be kindly received and acted upon when believed to be for the general good and improvement. If in connection with lectures giving the fundamental principles this idea could be carried out successfully, there would be no doubt at the end of the year that decided improvement had been made.

In the editorial of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING for December, 1900, will be found suggestions as to what is still needed in this line.

Other schools and colleges prepare their students for their alumnæ work by their under-graduate societies. Why cannot the senior nurses study this matter in their clubs during their last year and then come into their alumnæ prepared to conduct its meetings properly and thus leave time for other important work?

Those still wishing to continue the study of sociology can obtain literature from any philanthropic or charitable society. Also from the Booklovers' Library in their Library of Science and Sociology.

At the Congress of Nurses a plea which met with general approval was that more of the social element be introduced into the meetings. Should there be any time left, societies can devote it to subjects suited to local needs.

A fewer number of subjects is given this year than formerly, in the hope that these will be taken up and thoroughly studied and disposed of.

REFERENCES.

"Diet Lists for the Sick," AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, November, 1900.

"Elements and Practice of Cookery," by Mary E. Williams and Katherine Y. Fisher, Macmillans, New York.

ANNA J. GREENLEES,
Chairman Committee.

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOSTON AND MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ

THE annual meeting of the Alumnæ Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-Schools for Nurses was held at the Massachusetts General Hospital on October 29, 1901. The first business to come before the meeting was the election of a president in place of Miss Mary L. Keith, resigned. Miss M. E. P. Davis was elected, and took the chair. The resignation of Miss M. B. Brown as vice-president was read, and a committee of three appointed to nominate her successor at the next meeting. The report of the committee appointed to draw up resolutions expressing the regret of the alumnæ at the resignation of Miss Mary L. Keith as president was then read. It was voted that they be spread upon the minutes of the society and that a copy be sent to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and also to Miss Keith. The death of Miss Ada E. Thayer, a former member of the alumnæ, was then announced, and a committee, consisting of Miss M. B. Brown and Miss Florence F. Rice, was appointed to draw up resolutions upon her death. The society then listened with much pleasure to the interesting report of Miss J. F. Riley, one of the delegates to the International Congress of Nurses recently held at Buffalo, of which event she gave a most satisfactory account, at the conclusion of which she was given a vote of thanks by the Alumnæ Association.

Resolutions of the Alumnæ Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-Schools for Nurses on the resignation of its late president, Miss Mary L. Keith:

"WHEREAS, We, the alumnæ, having been in a position to judge of Miss Mary L. Keith's many womanly qualities, so admirably combined with great professional ability, have anticipated what has but recently occurred,—namely, her removal to a place of greater responsibility and wider usefulness, necessitating her resignation as president of this association; and

"WHEREAS, The Alumnæ Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-Schools for Nurses expresses its appreciation of her many personal and professional virtues as exemplified more especially in the acceptable and able manner with which she performed all the duties of the office of president by a unanimous vote of thanks.

"*Resolved,* That the alumnæ accept her resignation with much regret.

"*Resolved,* That the alumnæ extend congratulations for her advancement, with best wishes for her success, and fraternal interest in every position she may be called to occupy.

"*Resolved,* That these resolutions be embodied in the minutes of this association and that a copy be sent to Miss Keith and to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

(Signed) "M. E. P. DAVIS,
"A. O. TIPPET,
"Committee."

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## ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF THE ORANGE TRAINING-SCHOOL FOR NURSES

THE annual meeting of the Alumnæ Association of the Orange Training-School for Nurses was held on Wednesday, November 6, 1901, at 449 Main Street, Orange, N. J.

The usual business of the meeting having been transacted, the delegate to the Congress of Nurses presented a brief report, explaining that a more detailed account of the proceedings will be found in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, which is the official organ of the Associated Alumnæ.

Seven new names were proposed for membership, and the announcement was made of the marriage of Miss Leonor Cowan to Dr. James Spencer Brown, of Montclair, N. J.; also that a mass meeting of nurses with regard to State organization will be held in the Newark City Hospital on December 4 at two-thirty P.M. It was then proposed to give a dinner to the graduating class on Monday, November 18, when we hope to become better acquainted.

The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss A. D. Clarke; first vice-president, Miss Cornelia Johnson; second vice-president, Miss Daisy Squire; secretary, Miss Beatrice M. Druge; treasurer, Miss S. Coomber.

The following resolutions were passed by the association:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Father to take from among us a friend and associate, Miss Gertrude Parry:

"*Resolved,* That we, the Alumnæ Association of the Orange Training-School for Nurses, express our sorrow at the loss of one so loyal, cheery, and kind; and be it further

"*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her bereaved family, and recorded among the minutes of this association."

After adjournment refreshments were served, and a pleasant social time was enjoyed by those able to remain.

BEATRICE M. DRUGE,
Secretary.

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## A REFERENCE LIBRARY ON WOMEN'S WORK

THE International Council of Women is sending out the following notice:

"October, 1901.

"We desire to draw your attention to a series of volumes containing the papers read at the International Congress of Women held in London in 1899.

Each volume treats of a different section,—viz.: 'Report of Council Transactions,' 'Women in Education,' 'Women in Professions (two volumes),' 'Women in Politics,' 'Women in Industrial Life,' and 'Women in Social Life.'

"These books possess more than a passing interest, inasmuch as they may be regarded as a sort of reference library regarding all that concerns the progress, position, and work of women in various countries of the world during the nineteenth century. The papers on the different subjects were prepared by experts, and can be regarded as reliable.

"Bearing these facts in mind, it would seem highly desirable that not only women's societies and institutions, but also public libraries, should possess a copy of this series of volumes. The publishers are now prepared to dispose of a limited number of sets at a reduced price,—viz.: England, fifteen shillings per set, carriage paid; America, four dollars per set, carriage paid.

"We venture respectfully to urge all interested in women's work to make an effort to see that this opportunity is taken advantage of by the public libraries and institutions in their locality.

"Orders had better be transmitted with payment direct to the publishers, Messrs. Fisher Unwin, 11 Paternoster Buildings, London, E.C., by accompanying order form. We remain,

"Yours faithfully,

"MAY WRIGHT SEWALL,

"President of the International Council of Women, 633 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Ind., U.S.A.;

"ISHBEL ABERDEEN,

"Editor of the Transactions of the International Congress of Women, Haddo House, Aberdeen, Scotland."

Our alumnæ and clubs collecting libraries could not do better than purchase this set of books. They are most enlightening and valuable to all who are interested in the gradual uplifting of women, and contain information which cannot be obtained in any other way. The price is most moderate, and we urge nurses' clubs to send for a set.

L. L. DOCK,
Secretary American Federation of Nurses.

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## ST. LUKE'S TRAINING-SCHOOL ALUMNÆ, RICHMOND, VA.

THE graduates of St. Luke's Training-School for Nurses held a meeting last April at St. Luke's Hospital for the purpose of forming an Alumnæ Association of the graduates of the institution. The association was formed, a constitution was adopted, and officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Rosa B. Anderson; vice-president, Miss Louise M. Powell; treasurer, Miss Annie G. Coleman; secretary, Miss Emily P. Jones.

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## CITY HOSPITAL, QUINCY, MASS.

THE third meeting of this association was held on October 25. The members were fortunate in having the honor of entertaining Miss Linda Richards, who delivered a very interesting address. This alumnæ was organized on February 19, 1901, with three honorary members and twenty-five charter members. The

officers elected were: President, Miss Anna Kimball; vice-president, Miss Annie R. Manning; secretary, Miss Viola Harrington; treasurer, Miss Marion Jackson.

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## THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS FOR NURSES

### OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

President, Mrs. Gretter, Detroit, Mich.

First vice-president, Miss Drown, Boston, Mass.

Second vice-president, Miss Keating, Buffalo, N. Y.

Secretary, Miss Dock, 265 Henry Street, New York.

Treasurer, Miss Alline, 402 W. One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Street, New York.

Auditors—Miss Griswold and Miss McKechnie.

Councillors—Miss Riddle, Miss McDowell, Miss Richards, Miss Snively, Miss Gross, and Miss Allerton.

### NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

The new members are:

Miss Emma A. Grobert, City Hospital, Auburn, N. Y.

Miss Eleanor Underhill, Virginia Hospital, Richmond, Va.

Miss Margaret McCarthy, St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Lucy Ayers, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, R. I.

Mabel Wilson, St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Florence Bishop, Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, Maryland Homœopathic Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Anna Schultze, Connecticut Training-School, New Haven, Conn.

Miss M. L. Meiklejohn, Lady Stanley Institute, Ottawa, Canada.

Miss Lina Rogers, Grady Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Dita H. Kinney, Superintendent Army Nurse Corps of the United States.

Miss Rykert, Post-Graduate Hospital, New York.

Mrs. Harriet Morgan, Colored Home and Hospital, New York.

Miss Emily Chilman, General Hospital, Stratford, Ont.

Miss Anna Young, Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J.

Miss Lillian Huffcutt, Children's Hospital, San Francisco, Cal.

Miss Nancy Cadmus, Faxton Hospital, Utica, N. Y.

### FURTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS.

*Publication Committee.*—Paper-bound volumes of the Sixth and Seventh Annual Reports may still be had from the secretary. Price, fifteen cents each.

*Hospital Economics Course Committee.*—Mrs. Robb reported gifts amounting to two hundred dollars for the course from the Alumnæ Association and individual members of the Johns Hopkins Training-School.

Miss Banfield was appointed chairman of the Examining Board for the special course at Teachers' College, with authority to choose her associates.

*Committee on Work in Hospitals for the Insane.*—In the discussion, Miss Richards thought that the work in hospitals for insane patients should be taken first, and general training afterwards, by nurses wishing to have both courses. She thought the nurse who first took the general training was unfitted for the other, which requires so much more patience, tact, and forbearance, and in

which it is often impossible to carry out the doctors' orders; also in which it is necessary to obtain orders in numerous details which are never thought of in general work.

THE REVISED CONSTITUTION.

The revised constitution will be in pamphlet form in a short time and may be obtained from Mrs. Gretter.

The new forms for application, made necessary by the revisions, will be ready by about January 1, and may also be obtained from the president.

L. L. Dock,
Secretary.

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## ROCHESTER CITY HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ

At the last annual meeting of the R. C. H. A. A., held October 8, 1901, the following officers were elected:

President, Miss E. V. Connor; first vice-president, Helena Hascott; second vice-president, Janet McKenzie; recording secretary, R. A. Sercombe; corresponding secretary, Margaret McLaren; treasurer, Mrs. Adelaide Collins.

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## MEETING OF CLEVELAND NURSES

At the annual meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Cleveland, O., held at the Lakeside Hospital on October 29, Miss Smith, of the Alta Social Settlement, addressed the society. Miss Smith told something of the Social Settlement work, not only in Cleveland but also in New York and London, and was listened to with much interest.

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## ST. LUKE'S ALUMNÆ, SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA.

The annual meeting of the association was held on October 18 and very well attended. The tea given at the Nurses' Home was much enjoyed by all.

On the same day the hospital celebrated Hospital Day, Dr. Frank P. Foster, editor of the New York *Medical Journal*, delivering the address. The occasion was made more interesting by the graduating of the Class of 1901, nine nurses receiving diplomas.

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## OFFICERS WHO FEEL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Dear Miss Secretary: May we ask you to send us twelve or fifteen copies, if they are to be obtained, of the September and October numbers of the Journal. We wish to distribute these among our members, as we are anxious they should know the Journal and support it.

Very truly,

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## UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ALUMNÆ

It is with regret that this society chronicles the prolonged illness of the president, Miss Lord, and the illness of the secretary during the spring and summer months. Miss Lord has been so untiring in her work for the association that her absence is greatly felt.

All the members who could possibly do so attended the graduating exercises, which took place in the nurses' reception-room. The decorations were black, with red roses, the college colors, and were most tastefully arranged. The graduating class numbered twelve, and of these four have accepted hospital positions, the others doing private work. It may be of interest to note the marriage of Miss Ellinor van Santvoort to Mr. W. W. Mines, of Frederick, Md. The charter members of the alumnæ will remember the faithful work done by Mrs. Mines at the time of organization.

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## THE SECOND MEETING OF NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

THE second meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association will be held in New York City in January. We had hoped to be able to give the exact date in this issue, but have been unable to complete arrangements in time. An effort is being made to secure the use of a room in the Academy of Medicine. In the January number of this magazine full particulars will be given of exact date, programme, boarding-places, etc.

The Buffalo Congress must have convinced us all of the fact that we are agreed as to the unsatisfactory condition of our profession, and it remains for each country and each State to work out the remedy in the way best suited to its locality.

Illinois and Virginia have organized State societies, and both on an individual basis.

Pennsylvania is taking steps to organize, and letters just received from Kentucky and Connecticut tell us that they also are waking up to the realization that legislation must be the means by which we will accomplish all our improvements, and that State organization must be perfected before legislation can be attempted.

We hope every nurse in New York State will endeavor to attend the January meeting, and in the meantime let us all be thinking of the best way to organize, so as to secure the best results.

SYLVEEN V. NYE,
President.

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## NEW JERSEY STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

A MEETING will be held at the City Hospital, 116 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, N. J., on Wednesday, December 4, 1901, at half-past two o'clock.

The object of the meeting is to organize a New Jersey State Nurses' Association for the purpose of securing legislation and registration.

All organizations of graduate nurses and all training-schools are requested to send representatives. Resident nurses, who are graduates of schools in other States, are particularly invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

MISS B. J. GARDNER, Chairman,
512 Clinton Avenue, Newark, N. J.,
MISS C. W. HORN,
MISS I. MACDONALD,
MISS S. C. NEWELL,
MISS I. T. FALLON, Secretary,
Committee.

THE Graduate Nurses' Association of Cleveland, O., which for some time has been working to start district nursing in the city, has succeeded in placing the work in the hands of a Board of Directors, and it is expected that before long three or possibly four nurses will be placed in the field.

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## EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ

THE graduates of the Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia organized an Alumnæ Association August 6, 1901. The following officers were elected: President, Anne Stockton Haines; first vice-president, Sara A. Wright; second vice-president, Mary Johnston; secretary, Mary E. Esser; treasurer, Maria P. Allen; Executive Committee—Clara J. Noetling, Mary Moms, Georgiana Kitchen, Harriet Crew, Kate Darby.

Its purpose is to promote fellowship among its members, to advance the interest of the nurses' calling, and for mutual help and comfort in times of illness, discouragement, or misfortune. Membership, eighty-six.

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AT a meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Cleveland, O., held at the Lakeside Hospital on November 12, Mrs. Hunter Robb and Miss M. H. McMillan were appointed delegates to represent the association on the Board of Directors of the District Nursing Organization of Cleveland.